

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act as amended, (33 U.S.C. §§1251 et seq.; the "CWA"), and the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, as amended, (M.G.L. Chap. 21, §§26-53),

Harvard University

is authorized to discharge from a facility located at

**Blackstone Steam Plant
46 Blackstone Street
Cambridge, MA 02139**

to the receiving water named the Charles River, a class B water, in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth herein.

This permit shall become effective on August 1, 2007.

This permit and the authorization to discharge expire at midnight, five (5) years from the last day of the month preceding the effective date.

This permit supersedes the permit issued on May 19, 1980.

This permit consists of 6 pages in Part I including effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and 25 pages in Part II, Standard Conditions.

Signed this 18th day of May, 2007

/S/ SIGNATURE ON FILE

Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection
Environmental Protection Agency
Boston, MA

Director
Division of Watershed Management
Department of Environmental Protection
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Boston, MA

PART I.A. Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements

1. During the period beginning on the effective date and lasting through no later than December 31, 2008 , the permittee is authorized to discharge non-contact cooling water (NCCW) from outfall serial number 001 . Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:				
<u>EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC</u>		<u>EFFLUENT LIMITS</u>		<u>MONITORING REQUIREMENTS</u>
<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>AVERAGE MONTHLY</u>	<u>MAXIMUM DAILY</u>	<u>MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY</u>	<u>SAMPLE¹ TYPE</u>
Flow	Report MGD	0.3 MGD	Continuous	Estimate ²
pH Range ³	6.5 – 8.3 s.u.		1/Week	Grab
Temperature, Effluent	88 °F	88 °F	Continuous	Recorder
Dissolved Oxygen ³	Report mg/l	Report mg/l	1/Week	Grab

- a. The discharge shall not cause a violation of the water quality standards of the receiving waters.
- b. The effluent pH shall be in the range of 6.5 through 8.3 standard units and not more than 0.5 units outside of the natural background range.
- c. The discharge shall not cause objectionable discoloration of the receiving waters.
- d. The effluent shall contain neither a visible oil sheen, foam, nor floating solids at any time.
- e. The results of sampling for any parameter above its required frequency must also be reported.

Footnotes:

- 1. Sampling shall be conducted at some point prior to discharge to Outfall 001 and prior to mixing with any other stream. Any change in sampling location must be reviewed and approved in writing by EPA and MassDEP. All samples shall be tested using the analytical methods found in 40 CFR §136, or alternative methods approved by EPA in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR §136.
- 2. For flow, report maximum and minimum daily rates and total flow for each operating date. Attach this data to each DMR form. Effluent flow can be measured or estimated through the use of pump capacity curves consistent with the pumps used at the site.
- 3. Requirement for State Certification.

PART I.A.

2. During the period beginning on the effective date and lasting through expiration, the permittee is authorized to discharge reverse osmosis reject water from outfall serial number 002 . Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:				
<u>EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC</u>		<u>EFFLUENT LIMITS</u>		<u>MONITORING REQUIREMENTS</u>
<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>AVERAGE MONTHLY</u>	<u>MAXIMUM DAILY</u>	<u>MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY</u>	<u>SAMPLE¹ TYPE</u>
Flow ²	Report MGD	0.15 MGD	Continuous	Recorder
pH Range ³	6.5– 8.3 s.u.		1/Week	Grab
Dissolved Oxygen ³	Not less than 5.0 mg/l		1/Week	Grab
Nitrogen, Total Ammonia	Report ug/l	Report ug/l	1/Quarter	Grab
Total Suspended Solids	30 mg/l	45 mg/l	1/Month	24-Hour Composite ⁴
Total Suspended Solids	Report lbs/day	Report lbs/day	1/Month	24-Hour Composite ⁴
Copper, Total	Report ug/l	Report ug/l	1/Quarter	24-Hour Composite ⁴

The discharge of multi-media backwash water, ion exchange regenerant wastewater, NCCW and any wastewater resulting from the cleaning of the RO system through this outfall is prohibited.

Footnotes:

1. Sampling shall be conducted at some point prior to discharge to Outfall 002 and prior to mixing with any other stream. Any change in sampling location must be reviewed and approved in writing by EPA and MassDEP. All samples shall be tested using the analytical methods found in 40 CFR §136, or alternative methods approved by EPA in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR §136.
2. The flow shall be continuously measured and recorded using a flow meter.
3. Requirement for State Certification.
4. A 24-hour composite sample will be comprised of at least 1 grab sample taken each hour during periods of discharge.

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- a. The discharge shall not cause a violation of the water quality standards of the receiving waters.
- b. The effluent pH shall be in the range of 6.5 through 8.3 standard units.
- c. The discharge shall not cause objectionable discoloration of the receiving waters.
- d. The effluent shall contain neither a visible oil sheen, foam, nor floating solids at any time.
- e. The results of sampling for any parameter above its required frequency must also be reported.

3. Toxics Control

- a. The permittee shall not discharge any pollutant or combination of pollutants in toxic amounts.
- b. Any toxic components of the effluent shall not result in any demonstrable harm to aquatic life or violate any state or federal water quality standard which has been or may be promulgated. Upon promulgation of any such standard, this permit may be revised or amended in accordance with such standards.

4. Numerical Effluent Limitations for Toxicants

EPA or MassDEP may use the results of the chemical analyses conducted pursuant to this permit, as well as national water quality criteria developed pursuant to Section 304(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), state water quality criteria, and any other appropriate information or data, to develop numerical effluent limitations for any pollutants, including but not limited to those pollutants listed in Appendix D of 40 CFR Part 122.

5. All existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers must notify the Director as soon as they know or have reason to believe:

- a. That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in the discharge, on a routine or frequent basis, of any toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels":
 - (1) One hundred micrograms per liter (100 ug/l);
 - (2) Two hundred micrograms per liter (200 ug/l) for acrolein and acrylonitrile; five hundred micrograms per liter (500 ug/l) for 2,4-dinitrophenol and for 2-methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol; and one milligram per liter (1 mg/l) for antimony;
 - (3) Five (5) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §122.21(g)(7); or
 - (4) Any other notification level established by the Director in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §122.44(f).
- b. That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in the discharge, on a non-routine or infrequent basis, of any toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels":

- (1) Five hundred micrograms per liter (500 ug/l);
 - (2) One milligram per liter (1 mg/l) for antimony;
 - (3) Ten (10) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §122.21(g)(7); or
 - (4) Any other notification level established by the Director in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §122.44(f).
- c. That they have begun or expect to begin to use or manufacture as an intermediate or final product or byproduct any toxic pollutant which was not reported in the permit application.
6. This permit may be modified, or revoked and reissued, on the basis of new information in accordance with 40 CFR §122.62.

B. UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGES

The permittee is authorized to discharge only in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit and only from the outfalls listed in Parts I A.1. and I.A.2 of this permit. Discharges of wastewater from any other point sources are not authorized by this permit and shall be reported in accordance with Section D.1.e. (1) of the General Requirements (Part II) of this permit (Twenty-four hour reporting).

C. BEST TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE FOR COOLING WATER INTAKE STRUCTURE

1. The present cooling water intake structure (CWIS) shall be maintained and operated to meet the required Best Technology Available (BTA) for minimizing adverse environmental impacts. For the purposes of this provision, the CWIS includes the bar racks and the duplex filter and any other structures in between.
2. Any change in the location, design, or capacity of the CWIS shall be approved by the Regional Administrator (EPA) and the Director (MassDEP).

D. MONITORING AND REPORTING

1. Reporting

Monitoring results obtained during each calendar month shall be summarized and reported on Discharge Monitoring Report Form(s) postmarked no later than the 15th day of the following month.

Signed and dated originals of these, and all other reports required herein, shall be submitted to the Director and the State at the following addresses:

Environmental Protection Agency
Water Technical Unit (SEW)
P.O. Box 8127
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

The State Agency is:

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Waste Prevention
Northeast Regional Office
205B Lowell Street
Wilmington, MA 01887

Signed and dated Discharge Monitoring Report Forms required by this permit shall also be submitted to the State at:

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Watershed Management
Surface Water Discharge Permit Program
627 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Worcester, Massachusetts 01608

E. STATE PERMIT CONDITIONS

This discharge permit is issued jointly by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) under Federal and State law, respectively. As such, all the terms and conditions of this permit are hereby incorporated into and constitute a discharge permit issued by the Commissioner of the MassDEP pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 21, §43.

Each Agency shall have the independent right to enforce the terms and conditions of this permit. Any modification, suspension or revocation of this permit shall be effective only with respect to the Agency taking such action, and shall not affect the validity or status of this permit as issued by the other Agency, unless and until each Agency has concurred in writing with such modification, suspension or revocation. In the event any portion of this permit is declared, invalid, illegal or otherwise issued in violation of State law such permit shall remain in full force and effect under Federal law as an NPDES permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In the event this permit is declared invalid, illegal or otherwise issued in violation of Federal law, this permit shall remain in full force and effect under State law as a permit issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.